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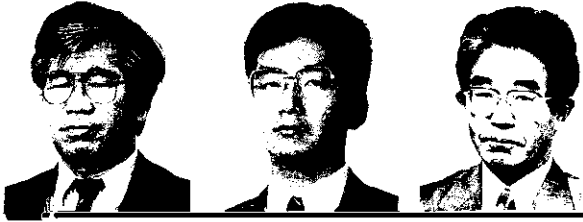
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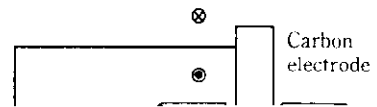
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developed the CLECIM-KSC type DC arc furnace to solve these problems with conventional large DC arc furnaces. The newly developed DC arc furnace was sup-



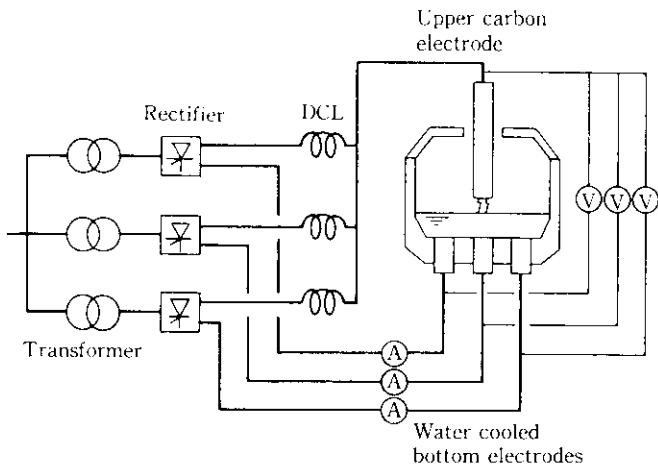


Fig. 3 Skeleton for control of arc direction

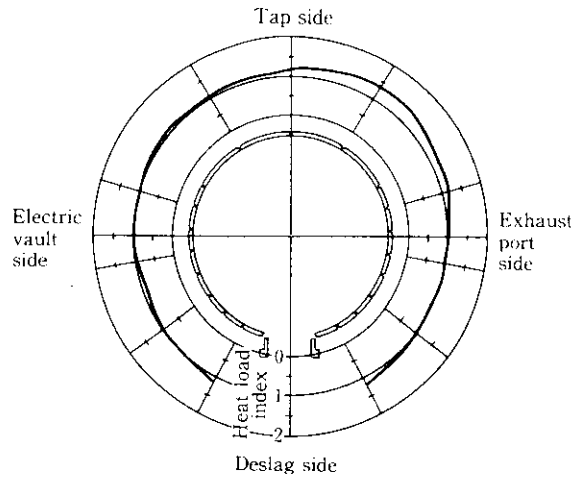
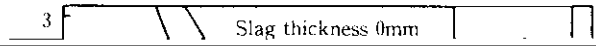
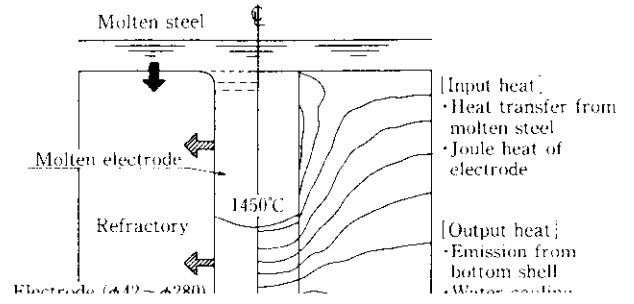
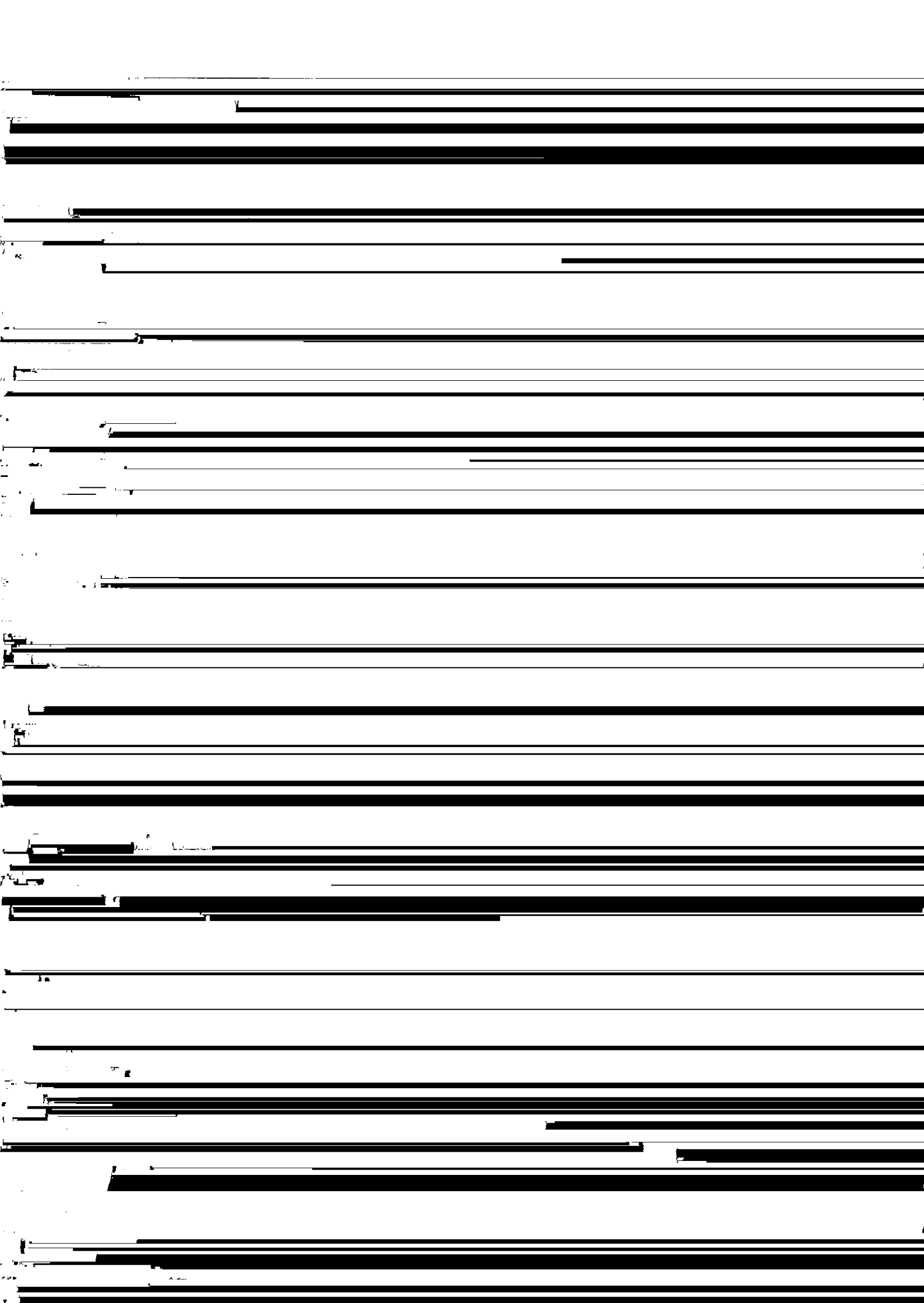


Fig. 4 Distribution of heat load on water cooled panels above hearth line

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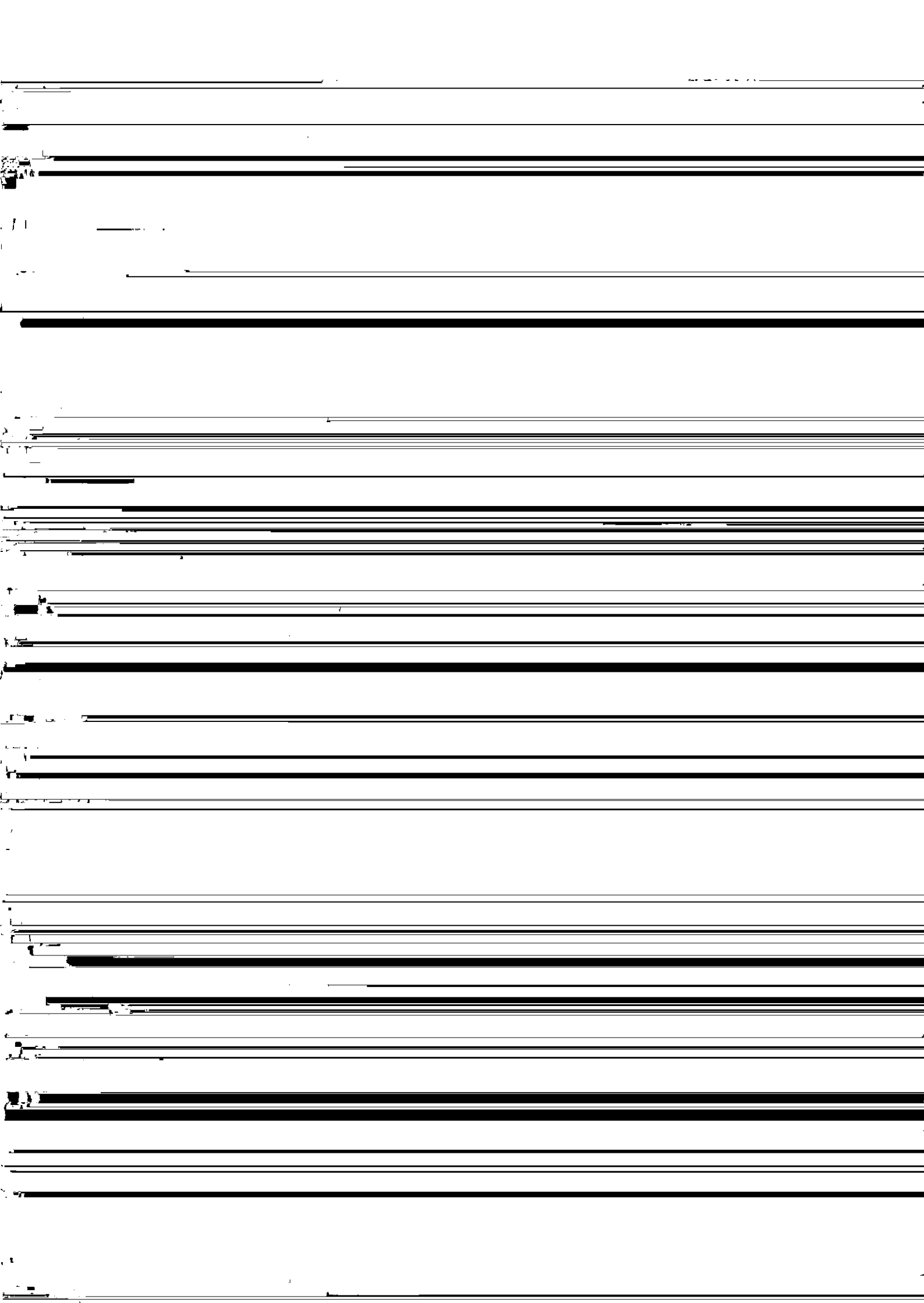




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Table 1 Automatic devices

Item	Features
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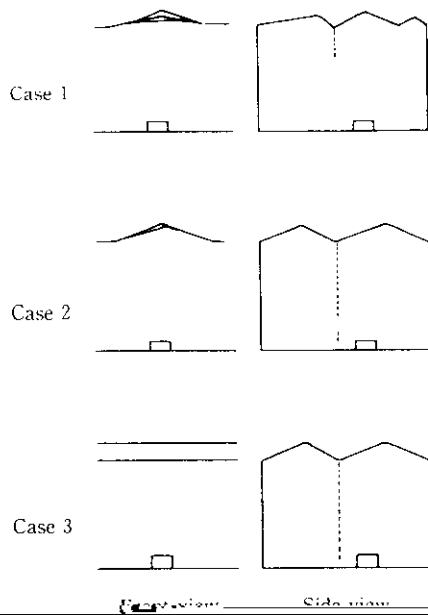


Table 2 Main specifications of 100 t DC arc furnace of Daiwa Steel at Mizushima

Item		Main specifications
Transformer capacity		100 MVA
Arc voltage, arc current		800 V, 100 kA
Electrode	Upper	28 in × 1
	Bottom	Water cooled billet × 3
Furnace shell (dia. × height)		φ 6 700 mm × 3 100 mm
Tapping system		LVT and ladle car
Scrap charging		1 or 2 buckets

Table 3 Operational results of 100 t DC arc furnace of Daiwa Steel at Mizushima

Productivity	Tap to tap time	57 min (average) 46 min (record)
	Carbon electrode	1.1 kg/t
Unit consumption	Electric power	300 kWh/t

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on the melting amount of the electrodes were grasped and safety was verified. As a result, it was found that the

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